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“READY FOR THE RAIN” SUPPORTS COMMUNITY EFFORTS IN LIBERTY

LEXINGTON, KY – Residents of Casey County were hit hard by the disastrous flooding in early May. Businesses closed. Roads and bridges were washed out, and people’s homes and farms were damaged. It wasn’t the first time; Casey County has had four major flooding disasters in the past seven years.

But these resourceful Kentuckians aren’t sitting around feeling sorry for themselves. They’ve pushed brooms, shoveled mud, and hauled debris to help their neighbors. They’ve held fundraisers. They’ve replanted fields. They do these things because they are capable and resilient. But think how much better it would be if they didn’t have to. What if the cycle of flooding, damage, repair and more flooding could be broken?

That’s the question posed by Ready for the Rain, a special outreach event sponsored by the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Ready for the Rain comes to the Casey County seat of Liberty on Saturday, June 12. The event, part of a statewide effort to reach out to disaster survivors in communities throughout Kentucky, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 518 Middleburg Street (behind City Hall) in Liberty.

Safety and risk reduction experts, construction analysts, and others who have had success with disaster recovery will offer fresh ideas and lessons learned to help Kentuckians help themselves.

Representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be on hand to answer questions about their disaster loan programs and to provide assistance with applications. SBA loans are for homeowners and renters as well as businesses. SBA’s physical damage and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) may be of special interest to Liberty’s stores and commercial services.

Casey County Judge Executive Ronald Wright and other city officials will show their support by attending the event. Also expected are representatives from the Salvation Army, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Casey County Community Ministries, Kentucky Crisis Response Board, and Casey County Senior Centers.

With Ready for the Rain, Kentuckians together can make a difference *before* the creek rises.

If you or someone you know suffered loss or damage from this latest disaster you are encouraged to document the damage, save any repair receipts and notify your local emergency director.

Additional information about this disaster is available at www.fema.gov and www.kyem.ky.gov/currentdisasters.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to the SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.